

Call for Proposals – Due Date July 15, 2011

Support for Graduate Student Projects

2011 BioBlitz – Saguaro National Park



Each year, the National Geographic Society and the National Park Service sponsor a BioBlitz in a national park. Saguaro National Park will host the 2011 BioBlitz on October 21-22, 2011. The main goals of this 24 hour event are to survey all taxonomic groups in the park, engage citizen scientists in biological research in the field, and get people interested and excited about biological diversity on earth and here in the Tucson area.

Thanks to funding from the Western National Parks Association, Saguaro National Park will be offering financial support for graduate students who will both participate in the BioBlitz and in following up on improving knowledge of different taxonomic groups at Saguaro National Park. If you have a taxonomic specialty (e.g., lichens, beetles, nematodes, rodents, ferns, etc.) and are interested in doing science with the public, we encourage you to apply.

We are accepting proposals in the range of \$500 to \$2000. Please submit a proposal of 2 pages, plus a 1-page summary of scientific qualifications. Proposals meeting the following criteria have a better chance of success:

- Includes a taxonomic inventory during the BioBlitz with a “Citizen Science” component;
- Includes an educational product, such as a web page or pre-BioBlitz classroom visit;
- Includes a final report that will summarize what is known about the particular taxonomic group in Saguaro National Park and make recommendations for future inventory work.

For more information on applying for these funds, please email Anna_Iwaki@nps.gov or call Anna Iwaki at (520) 733-5178.